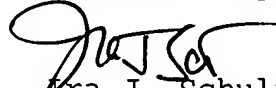


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete all multiple dependencies, and to generally place the claims in better form for US practice.

Attached is the search report of the corresponding PCT application, together with a Form PTO-1449 and copies of non-US patent references cited therein. Also listed are two references cited during prosecution of the corresponding German application.

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